**Appellate tribunal for power sector**

86. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up appellate tribunal for power sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Under the provisions of section 110 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Central Government is required to establish the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity to hear appeals against the orders of the Adjudicating Officer or the Appropriate Commission under the Act.

(b) Central Government has established the Tribunal at Delhi. The Chairperson and all other three Members have been appointed and the Tribunal has been operational from 21st July, 2005.

**Faulty wiring in newly installed electronic meters**

87. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been initiated by Government to check the faulty wiring in the newly installed electronic meters in Delhi which are admittedly running fast by 8 to 15 per cent;

(b) whether it is correct that Government have incurred loss in the hands of private DISCOMS who have earned crores of rupees by exploiting the lacunae in the wiring system;

(c) what are the measures adopted by Government to safeguard the interest of its consumers and check corrupt practices and refunding of the inflated amount to its consumers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) According to Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi independent inspections of the newly installed electronic meters have confirmed the correctness of

these meters. Third party independent inspection of the new electronic meters was done by Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC), Central Power Research Institute, Bureau of Indian Standards and Special Teams constituted by the Government of NCT of Delhi under the supervision of area Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM). No problem has been found in the internal wiring of the meters. In the meter testing drive carried out by Govt. of NCT of Delhi under the supervision of area SDM, the representatives of Distribution Companies (DISCOMS) were also asked to advise Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs)/Consumers, wherever necessary about the problems arising out of earth leakage, defective wiring, interconnection of neutral, etc.

In some cases, wiring of the consumer has been found to be defective which is the responsibility of the consumer.

DERC had issued a public notice on 01.08.2005 which advised the consumers to get their internal wiring checked in case the meter gives an indication of earth leakage. Separately, on 28.10.2005 the Commission issued directions to the DISCOMS to carry out drives under the supervision of the Divisional Managers to educate consumers on the subject of earth leakage/common neutral wire. The DISCOMS have also been directed to check for this problem whenever meters are replaced.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of the above.

**Electrification of remote villages by NTPC**

88. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC has taken up electrification of remote villages as a part of the PM's mission "Rural Electricity Supply Technology" based on renewable energy resources in different States;

(b) if so, the details of this novel project; and

(c) what is the position of Orissa State and by when this State would also be covered under this project to light up the sparsely located tribal villages in the remote areas of the State?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is setting up Distributed Generation